



**National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science**

MINUTES

April 20 and 21, 1983

Hyatt Regency Washington  
Washington, D.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Helmut Alpers; Carlos A. Cuadra; John E. Juergensmeyer; Francis Keppel; Byron Leeds; Jerald C. Newman; Philip A. Sprague; Margaret S. Warden; William J. Welsh; Julia Li Wu; and Elinor M. Hashim, Presiding

STAFF PRESENT : Toni Carbo Bearman; Sarah G. Bishop; Dorothy P. Gray (Thursday only); Kathleen A. McCormick; Marti D. Quigley (Wednesday only); Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Gerald J. Sophar; Jane D. Thomas (Thursday only); Carl C. Thompson (Wednesday only); Christina Carr Young; and Barbara Lee Whiteleather, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT : Dan Carter, Texas Instruments; Eileen Cooke, ALA Washington Office; Elliott Shelkrot, Chair, COSLA; Gary Strong, State Librarian, California; Joyce Newman (wife of Jerald C. Newman); Pamela Newman (daughter of Jerald C. Newman); Patricia Berger, National Bureau of Standards, and Chair, SLA Task Force; Robert Willard, Information Industry Association; Stephen Weiner, Consultant

Wednesday, April 20, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Hashim. Miss Hashim announced that Commissioners John E. Juergensmeyer, Byron Leeds, Jerald C. Newman, and Julia Li Wu were confirmed on December 21, 1982. The newly-appointed Members were officially welcomed on board.

Chairman's  
Report

Miss Hashim presented the following brief report on her NCLIS-related activities since the November Commission meeting:

--January 1983 - Attended the Association of American Library Schools Conference and the following ALA Mid-Winter Conference. The Association of American Library Schools (AALS) is now called Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE). The Executive Director also attended the AALS conference and a full report is included in the Executive Director's Report.

(Mr. Sprague expressed his concern over the number of NCLIS staff attending ALA meetings. Dr. Bearman informed him that a concerted effort is being made to reduce the number of staff attending ALA meetings and to balance attendance among library and information sector meetings.)

--February 23 - Testified on NCLIS fiscal year 1984 budget before the House Appropriations Committee

--March 17 - Testified on NCLIS fiscal year 1984 budget before the Senate Appropriations Committee. Both hearings went extremely well, and we remain hopeful of receiving an appropriation comparable to our 1983 level.

--March 17 and 18 - Worked in the NCLIS office. Visited with Congressman George Brown of California (Co-Chair, World Future Society Hearing on The Changing Information Needs of Rural America); Major Owens, newly-elected Congressman from New York State and a professional librarian; and staff of the Presidential Personnel Office within the White House.

--April 13 - Presented speech on NCLIS and its activities at the Connecticut Library Association's Annual Conference.

In addition, Miss Hashim explained that she has been going to the NCLIS headquarters to work with the Executive Director at least one day a month, as part of her orientation process. The need for these frequent visits will be less during the remainder of this fiscal year.

Agenda  
Motion

It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Francis Keppel, that the April 20-21, 1983, meeting agenda be approved as presented. Passed unanimously.

Minutes  
Motion

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Francis Keppel, that the minutes of the NCLIS meeting, November 22-23, 1982, be approved as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Executive  
Director's  
Report

The Executive Director's Report, covering the period December 1982 to March 1983 was included under Tab 4 of the Commission meeting notebook. Updates to that report include:

Meetings and Conferences

Eastern Illinois University Symposium, April 12. Dr. Bearman presented a speech on networking.

Pennsylvania Health Science Librarians Meeting, April 14, Pittsburgh. Dr. Bearman and Mr. Alpers participated on a panel that discussed issues concerning public sector/private sector relationships in the information field.

More detailed information on these meetings is available upon request from the NCLIS staff office.

Activities and Projects

Cabinet Office Request - On Thursday, April 14, Dr. Bearman received a telephone request from The Cabinet Office requesting information on Federal funding for public, school, academic and medical libraries. A copy of the response, dated 18 April, was distributed during the April meeting.

OPM Standards - A chronology of the development of tentative standards for Federal Librarians issued by the Office of Personnel Management has been prepared by Mrs. Young.

After a brief presentation on the history of the OPM Standards, several specific comments were made: (1) Miss Hashim noted that the Federal Government is the largest employer of librarians and as a result, what happens in the Federal Government affects librarians in other public and private institutions; and (2) Mr. Welsh commented that it appears that OPM has started its standards review with librarians and that this review process will be extended to other professions.

Annual Report - Final corrections and comments from the Editorial Committee have been received. The Annual Report will be transmitted to the President and the Congress during the week of April 25, in advance of its April 30 deadline.

Office Automation - Mr. Paul Wormeli, NCLIS automation consultant, will submit his proposal to NCLIS by May 1. Both Miss Hashim and Dr. Cuadra have had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Wormeli and to participate in discussions on automation of the office.

Acting Deputy Director - Mr. Douglas S. Price officially resigned as Deputy Director on April 15. Because Dr. Moore, Chair, Personnel Committee was not present at this meeting, Dr. Bearman announced her intention to postpone recommending that Dr. Sarah G. Bishop be named Deputy Director, until the June Commission meeting. Dr. Bishop has been acting Deputy Director while Mr. Price has been on extended leave. According to the NCLIS Governance Document, the Executive Director is required to present the Deputy Director's position description for Commission approval. Dr. Bearman will submit the position description to the Commission for approval at the June meeting.

Executive  
Session  
Motion

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Jerald Newman, that an Executive Session be scheduled for the June 1983 Commission meeting to discuss personnel matters. Passed unanimously.

Executive  
Director's  
Report  
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Emergency Jobs Supplemental Funding Bill - P.L. 98-8 (HR 1718), the emergency jobs supplemental funding bill for FY 1983 was signed into law on March 24, 1983, and provides \$50 million for LSCA, Title II. Prior to this, LSCA, Title II, was last funded in fiscal year 1973. To participate in any LSCA program, each state must have a state plan approved by the Secretary of Education, plus a comprehensive 5-year plan on state priorities, procedures and activities for meeting the library and information needs of the people.

Copyright and Related Issues - Dr. Cuadra asked if hearings on electronic data transfer are presently taking place. Mr. Sophar replied that during a March 10 hearing of the reconstituted Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks, Senator Mathias, Chairman, made it clear that he considers photoduplication a problem of the past; serious current problems include downloading, and copying of semiconductor chips, computer stored information, and computer programs. Unless the issue is forced, Congressman Kastenmeier has indicated that no action will be taken on the House side.

Office Move - Mr. Sprague applauded the staff for its move to new headquarters and for the reduction in rent. He also praised the new offices, both for their size and decoration.

Status  
Reports  
on FY '83  
Programs  
  
Work With  
Executive  
Branch  
Agencies

White House Conference on Productivity - As part of our role as resident expert, NCLIS has responded to a request from the staff of the White House Conference on Productivity for advice on how to conduct a White House conference and on information and productivity. Two meetings have been held to advise and assist them and others are planned.

NCES - Dr. Bearman pointed out that staff is working closely with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to assist them in meeting with library and information associations to identify what statistics are needed and which ones are being gathered by other groups. Dr. Cuadra requested a copy of the most recent NCES survey form. Mr. Keppel urged that studies include relevant trend-line data, comparable from one point in time to the next.

Work  
With  
Congress

LSCA - Mr. Alpers asked about the Commission's impact on the revision of the LSCA legislation and the outcome of the WHC resolutions vis a vis LSCA. Mrs. Warden responded that NCLIS was viewed as crucial in the LSCA reauthorization process. In her opinion, the WHC resolutions have been "well addressed."

Dr. Bearman explained that the staff has continued to work closely with Representative Simon's Committee in developing specifications for legislation. Mrs. Warden stated that the State Librarians feel that without the Commission acting as a catalyst, the draft legislation would never have been written as well as it is. The position of the Commission as unbiased agent is responsible for the good feeling about the work done on revising LSCA legislation. Mrs. Warden noted that the Commission's advice is frequently accepted and its credibility has increased because of the involvement in the revision of the LSCA legislation.

Dr. Cuadra asked if the concept of a minimum level of service was addressed in the draft LSCA. Both Dr. Bishop and Mrs. Reszetar said that this concept was not addressed in the hearings they attended. Dr. Cuadra then suggested that perhaps the Commission define a minimum level of standards as an objective.

Mr. Juergensmeyer suggested that perhaps the Commission consider supporting universal library service in this country through LSCA. "I would like to see the Commission address the issue that everyone ought to have access to public libraries," he said.

Miss Hashim suggested that the Commissioners devote a generous amount of time to a philosophical discussion of the topics and issues of LSCA during the upcoming June meeting; a "where do we want to go from here" type of discussion.

Dr. Bearman pointed out that the bill has to be introduced to the House of Representatives before May 15; however, it can be changed once it has been introduced. The Commissioners agreed to review the LSCA draft legislation when it becomes available and to discuss strategy during the June meeting.

Montana  
State  
Library

10:50 a.m.

Mrs. Warden distributed brochures announcing the dedication of the Montana State Library and the State Law Library of Montana housed within the newly-constructed Justice Building.

Technology,  
Innovation,  
and  
Productivity

Miss Kathleen McCormick, IBM Intern to NCLIS, presented a brief update on her work in the area of Technology, Innovation, and Productivity. In summary, Miss McCormick explained that seven broad technical areas have been identified to be included in the study: computers, communications, software, video technology, information storage, electronic production of information, and electronic distribution of information. A chart, currently half completed, is being prepared which will show for each technology its volume, its degree of penetration into homes, its degree of penetration into the workplace, its cost, and the projections for its use in 1985. The completed study is expected to show factual information and projections to illustrate actual and possible uses of the new information technologies. Miss McCormick pointed out that the study will display an impartial view toward technology, without personal value judgments on products.

Improved  
Dissemination  
of  
Federal  
Information

National Rural Information Services Development Program - Miss Hashim stated that in question periods following her speeches, of all the Commission's programs, information about the National Rural Information Services Development Program is most frequently requested.

Improving  
Library/  
Information  
Services  
to Meet  
Changing  
Needs

Library/Information Service Needs of the Aging--In reviewing the program on aging, Mrs. Young described the staff work with the Administration on Aging. Mr. Sprague commented that the Villiers Foundation feels that the needs of the elderly are known and will give grants only for action projects concerning the elderly. Mrs. Young pointed out, "We do not feel that the needs of the elderly for information services have been thoroughly identified because the elderly have not articulated what their needs are." She noted that the third phase of our Aging program deals with the establishment of library/information demonstration projects in four sites nationwide, and it is for this phase organizations such as Villiers will be approached for grants.

Libraries and Literacy Coalition--Mrs. Young was asked to describe the Literacy Coalition and its purpose. The Coalition's main concerns are developing basic reading skills in adults and eradicating illiteracy. Its representatives include educators, librarians, advertising people, private for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, and volunteer literacy groups. The Coalition is interested in a media campaign bringing awareness to the nation of the fact that illiteracy does exist and what can be done to eradicate it. The Coalition is concerned with adult basic education and with helping the people who have fallen through the educational cracks for various reasons.

# Budget Concerns

Miss Hashim stated that if NCLIS receives the proposed Administration cut of 18% from its requested appropriation:

--Our mandated activities could be continued;

--We must complete long-standing programs; and

--We could not undertake new initiatives, such as Productivity and the study of the elderly.

Mrs. Warden mentioned that there is an "up beat" feeling within Congress for libraries and library programs. Miss Hashim agreed and stated that libraries are now being recognized as an important part of the educational system which cannot be ignored. Miss Cooke stated, "The perception is changing to a great extent because people are now flocking to their public libraries. It is not demeaning to go to a public library for needed information."

## UNESCO/PGI

Mr. Keppel asked about the amount of staff time involved in UNESCO/PGI. Dr. Bearman responded that very little of her time and less than one-half day a month of both Mrs. Gray's and Mrs. Quigley's time would be required. Dr. Bearman also referred to the UNESCO/PGI Intergovernmental Paris meeting, detailed on page 8 of the Executive Director's Report. Dr. Bearman explained that the Council meeting was very noncontroversial and that there were no comments on the political limitations on the dissemination of information.

## Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities

At the request of the Commission during the November meeting, the staff identified the Task Force recommendations of specific interest to NCLIS and, in addition, included background information and suggestions for implementing these recommendations.

The first recommendation identified by the staff was Recommendation #5:

Benefits of the new technologies in libraries must be distributed equitably among patrons from all walks of life and all strata of society. User fees for such benefits must be avoided.

## Report on Recommendations

The Commission discussed the issue of charging fees for library services. Mr. Welsh suggested a disclaimer clearly stating the differences of opinions on the fee issue and to various other recommendations contained in the report.

Library  
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to  
Cultural  
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Dr. Bearman reminded the Members of NCLIS' policy to print a disclaimer on all NCLIS publications which reads:

The views and opinions expressed in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect official position or policy of the NCLIS and no endorsement of these materials should be inferred.

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Dr. Cuadra requested that the Commissioners discuss the issue of fees for library services separate from the Task Force Report.

After an around-the-table discussion of the fee issue:

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers that the National Commission receive the Report of the Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Task Force, and that it take no further action other than publication of the Report. The motion was not seconded.

It was then MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Margaret Warden, that the National Commission publish the Report of the Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Task Force with appropriate disclaimer.

It was MOVED and seconded to amend the motion by adding "and commentary."

Motion

It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Margaret Warden, that the National Commission publish the Report of the Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Task Force with appropriate disclaimer and commentary.

The motion carried with two (2) abstentions.

Miss Hashim requested each Commissioner review the 42 recommendations and identify those they were concerned about for discussion on the following day.

Guidelines  
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sioner  
Travel,  
Expense  
& Salary  
Motion

The Guidelines for Commissioner Travel, Expense and Salary (4/83 - 3.3 of 13) were revised as requested during the November Commission meeting.

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the Guidelines, Commissioner Travel, Expense and Salary, as revised, be approved. Passed unanimously.



SES  
Appraisal  
and  
Compensation  
Plan

A summary of the NCLIS SES Appraisal and Compensation Plan on the performance of the Executive Director was included in Commission meeting notebook as an informational document. Suggestions for changes for future appraisals should be sent to Dr. Moore, Chair of the Personnel Committee and Personnel Review Board.

NCLIS  
Retreat

The possibility of a second NCLIS retreat was discussed. Mr. Alpers served as facilitator at the first retreat held in 1980. The purposes for the retreat, he explained, were two-fold: (1) To allow Commissioners to focus on the short- and long-range programs of the Commission; and (2) To develop ideas and recommendations for future consideration. In Mr. Alper's opinion, the retreat was "reasonably successful in the short-range; not successful in the long-range." "I think it is probably a good idea to have another retreat; it presents a good opportunity to retest and reconfirm our thought process," Mr. Alpers urged.

Dr. Cuadra indicated that he would choose a retreat over a Commission meeting because the retreat provides a chance to communicate. Mr. Sprague also thought a second retreat was a good idea, adding, "A retreat gives us an opportunity to share our feelings and understanding."

Mr. Juergensmeyer suggested a spring retreat. In addition, he recommended a "brainstorming" session on subjects of particular interest to all Commissioners be held during each Commission meeting: a current, new, or future issue or topic which the Members can study, debate, and absorb.

No decision was made concerning whether a retreat should be held.

Elliott  
Shelkrot

COSLA/  
NCLIS  
Liaison

Mr. Elliott Shelkrot, State Librarian of Pennsylvania, Head of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), and Chair of the COSLA-NCLIS Liaison Committee, displayed a highway sign of the National Library Symbol which will be installed by the State Department of Transportation on Pennsylvania highways near libraries. A smaller sign for use on city streets to direct persons to a nearby library was also displayed. Mr. Shelkrot distributed buttons to the Commissioners and staff with the National Library symbol.

NCLIS  
Governance  
Document

The NCLIS Governance Document, developed March 1979, was included in the Commission meeting notebook. The need for an updated Governance Document and a revised Committee structure was discussed.

Miss Hashim stated that she was "uncomfortable" with the present Committee structure. She informed the Members that the Executive Committee would be composed of the Chairs of the Commission Committees if that is the wish of the Commissioners. "I would not in any way exclude a Commissioner from participating as fully as he or she would like. I would encourage Commissioners to work with staff in their areas of particular interest," Miss Hashim said. Mr. Keppel encouraged the continued existence of an Executive Committee and recommended membership be on a "floating" basis.

Miss Hashim announced her intention to present a proposal for restructuring the Commission Committees at the June meeting. Commissioners were asked to inform Miss Hashim of their Committee preference.

Videotape  
Joint  
Congressional  
Hearing  
on  
Information  
Needs  
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Rural  
America

Mr. Sophar briefed the Commissioners on the background of the World Future Society's Fourth General Assembly and Joint Congressional Hearing held during the conference in July 1982. During the hearings, chaired by Senator Mark Andrews (ND) and Representative George E. Brown (CA), testimony was received from individuals concerned about the library and information needs in rural America. One of the witnesses was Jason Hardman, a 12-year old whose love of books and libraries inspired him singlehandedly to create and staff a public library in his hometown of Elsinore, Utah, population 600.

An edited version of a videotape of the Hearing that had been prepared for the Commission meeting was shown. Jason's testimony was uncut. It clearly showed his love of books, hard work, and perseverance. After the showing of the film, Mr. Sophar informed the Members that as a result of wide publicity Jason has received, the Elsinore Public Library now has 12,000 books, 1 micro-computer, and 1 set of Encyclopedia Britannica, all donated by caring individuals.

After an around-the-table discussion of the needs of rural library users:

Motion

It was MOVED by Byron Leeds, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission present a Certificate of Appreciation to Jason Hardman for his outstanding work in the field of library service. Passed unanimously.

Apprecia-  
tion to  
Mr. Sophar

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Sophar for his excellent work in the area of library and information services for rural America.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Thursday, April 21, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Hashim.

Community  
Informa-  
tion and  
Referral  
Services

Of the 13 recommendations presented by the Community Information and Referral Services Task Force, staff identified the following three as being of special interest to NCLIS:

Recommendation #3 - Legislators should be educated about CI&R;

Recommendation #5 - CI&R should be included in current library legislation; and

Recommendation #6 - CI&R should be included in national information policy.

Report  
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It was agreed that the Executive Summary of the Report would be made available to Members of Congress; full copies of the Report will be available upon request.

In considering Recommendation #5, along with the staff's suggestion, to encourage support throughout the library and information community for the inclusion of CI&R as a priority activity for LSCA funding, Miss Hashim explained that LSCA funds may be used for CI&R activities. The legislation, itself, is very broad and CI&R can be a funded activity; however, it is up to the states to make the determination how LSCA funds are to be spent.

In considering Recommendation #4, along with the staff's suggestion for a national public awareness program, Dr. Cuadra urged that it is important not to raise expectations too much through national promotional campaigns until services are available or users might become frustrated.

Motion	It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the National Commission receive, accept, endorse, and disseminate the Report of the Community Information and Referral Services Task Force as submitted. Passed unanimously.
World Communications Year	The U.N. General Assembly has proclaimed 1983 as World Communications Year. The theme in the United States is "Progress, Prosperity, and Personal Freedom Through Communications." May 17 has been named World Communications Day. The theme for this tribute is "Communications as a Positive Force in the World."
Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities	As requested by Miss Hashim the previous day, all Commissioners reviewed the 42 Task Force recommendations and noted their concerns. All recommendations receiving two or more negative reactions were discussed and voted on. <u>Recommendation #18</u>
Discussion of Recommendations	Urge political jurisdictions and public libraries to include minority representation on library boards of trustees and other policymaking or advisory boards to guide libraries in developing programs which address the needs of cultural minorities in the community.
Motion	It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by William Welsh, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #18 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. Passed unanimously. <u>Recommendation #24</u>
Motion	Urge state library agencies to establish networks and to implement other programs of resource sharing to strengthen collections of materials on cultural minorities.  It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #24 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. Passed unanimously.

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Recommendation #30

Urge publishers and producers to remove the negative and stereotypical images of cultural minorities which are in print and nonprint materials.

The specific concern about this recommendation was that the wording implied censorship. Several Commissioners stated that they were opposed to negative and stereotypical images of cultural minorities, and equally opposed to censorship of published materials.

Motion

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #30 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated (1 for; 7 opposed).

Recommendations #7 and #8

7. Urge the American Library Association to conduct a study of the racial, ethnic, and sexual composition of library personnel resources in school libraries.
8. Urge the Special Libraries Association to conduct a study of the racial, ethnic and sexual composition of special libraries.

Mr. Juergensmeyer asked why other types of libraries weren't included. Mrs. Young replied that, although there have been surveys of minority group representation in some types of libraries, there has never been a survey conducted of minority school librarians employed. She reported that the Special Libraries Association has recently completed a study of personnel including a racial breakdown and Recommendation #8 can now be considered completed. The Commission believes that the limited resources for library and information services should be used for the most important purposes possible.

Motion

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendations #7 and #8 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated (1 for; 5 opposed; 2 abstentions).

Discus-  
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Recommendation #26

Urge libraries to strengthen the collections of print and nonprint materials and to acquire in generous supply information on the four cultural minority groups discussed in this report.

Motion

It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #26 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recommendation #31

Urge publishers to produce and to market works by minority authors. A marketing study by an independent agency should be developed under the auspices of NCLIS.

Motion

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #31 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated.

Specific concerns and comments about this recommendation were:

--Even though the Commission agrees that publishers should produce and market works by minority authors, the Members decided that a market study is not an appropriate task for this Commission to undertake; and

--At this time the Commission is not sure that another marketing survey will be particularly useful in achieving this goal because the Task Force report indicates that there is a market for works by minority authors and that libraries would buy them if they were available. The problem seems to be a lack of adequate funds to purchase materials.

Recommendation #23

Urge the Library of Congress to develop a national, comprehensive system of bibliographical control of cultural minorities resources.

Motion

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #23 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was carried (6 for; 2 opposed).

Discus-  
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Concerns were expressed that it may be inappropriate for NCLIS to urge the Library of Congress to do anything. Mr. Welsh stated, "I think that NCLIS can refer this recommendation to the Library of Congress. However, the Library of Congress does not have a comprehensive system of bibliographic control. No national system exists for any group."

Recommendation #38

States should specify that, in the block grant allocation to libraries, certain percentages of the monies be used to meet cultural minority library and information needs.

Motion

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #38 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated (1 for; 5 opposed; 2 abstentions).

Questions were raised concerning the appropriateness of the Commission telling states how to allocate funds. Mr. Welsh pointed out that it is curious that the word "should" is used here when the word "urge" appears in many of the other recommendations.

Recommendations #5, #25, and #37

5. Benefits of the new technologies in libraries must be distributed equitably among patrons from all walks of life and all strata of society. User fees for such benefits must be avoided.
25. Urge libraries to remove the various barriers to information and services which exist. Funds should be made available to prevent barriers which are the result of insufficient numbers of staff, cost of automated services which cultural minorities are unable to absorb, and denial of access to information in the native tongue of some cultural minorities.
37. Tax supported libraries should avoid charging fees which might create barriers to minorities and minority communities.

The Commission decided to consider these three recommendations together because they all address, either explicitly or implicitly, the issue of fees for library services.

Discus-  
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By general agreement, the following wording will be included in the Foreword to the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Report with respect to Recommendations #5, #25, and #37:

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science supports, in general, the concept of "free" basic library service, however, in order to take advantage of the enormous power of technology, it may be necessary to continue to pass on certain related costs to users.

Based upon the various concerns and comments, Dr. Bishop was asked to prepare a draft foreword before the end of the meeting for Commission review and comment within the next two weeks. The foreword should show the Commission's strong support for the basic principles of the report and its recommendations. It should also present the reasons why the Commission declined to endorse 8 of the 42 recommendations.

Members discussed the fee issue and decided that the topic is important enough to warrant further discussion. It was decided that continuation of this discussion would be held on Wednesday, June 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Commission meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10, at the International Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Resolu-  
tion on  
S.530

It was MOVED by Julia Wu, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the National Commission adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, H.R. 1310, The Emergency Mathematics and Science Education and Jobs Act to provide assistance to improve elementary, secondary and post-secondary education in math and science, and to provide a national policy for engineering, technical, and scientific personnel to provide cost sharing by the private sector in having such personnel to encourage creation of new engineering, technical and scientific jobs and other purposes, has been passed by the House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, the Senate version, S.530, Education for Economic Security Act, provides for a program of financial assistance to states in order to strengthen instruction in math, science, computer education, foreign languages, and vocational education and other purposes, is under consideration; and,



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S.530  
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WHEREAS, testimony given January 31, 1983, by the American Library Association at the House Subcommittees on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education and Postsecondary Education Hearing urged Congress to give particular attention to the critical role that library and information services play in the improvement of mathematics and science education at every level; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science supports the passage of S.530.

The motion was defeated (2 for; 6 opposed).

The resolution was amended to read:

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science supports the position taken by the American Library Association.

The motion was defeated (2 for; 6 opposed).

Mr. Keppel suggested a staff analysis of this legislation, in addition to other legislation pertaining to computer technology in libraries. Mrs. Warden stated that in her opinion there are too many bills for the staff to analyze. No definite decision was reached.

Role of  
School  
Library  
Media  
Program  
in Net-  
working  
Report

The Role of the School Library Media Program in Networking was prepared by an NCLIS Task Force in September 1978.

Mrs. Wu noted that she does not know which recommendations of the Task Force have been implemented. It was agreed that the staff would conduct a very brief survey of one or two telephone calls to provide an update on implementation for report at the June Commission meeting.

Procedures  
for  
Placing  
Items on  
Agenda

Miss Hashim reminded Commissioners that if they wish to have a specific topic placed on the meeting agenda, she is to be notified, preferably one month in advance. In addition, detailed information must be provided to the staff so that the necessary material is available, e.g., copies of briefing materials, legislation, etc.

NCLIS/SLA  
Task Force

Mrs. Patricia Berger, Chair, Task Force on the Role of the Special Library in Nationwide Networks and Cooperative Programs, was present at the request of the Chairman to respond to questions and to clarify issues and recommendations contained in the Task Force Report.

NCLIS/SLA  
Task Force  
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Mrs. Berger called specific attention to Chapter 2 - Networking - A Review of Selected Legislation, Regulations, and Related Issues. It was pointed out that this is, in fact, a review of the legislative history of networking. A number of requests have been received for permission to publish this section as a separate publication, and the Members were asked to consider this request. Mr. Alpers expressed his opinion that separate publication of this part of the report was an "outstanding" idea.

Motion

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That the Commission direct the Executive Director to work with the Special Libraries Association's (SLA) Executive Director to plan a publication based on the report of this Task Force and subsequent actions taken by the Commission and SLA; and

That the Commission invite the SLA President, Executive Director, and Chairman of its Networking Committee to meet with the Commission in June to discuss the report and follow-up action.

The motion was amended to read "to plan publications".  
The motion was passed unanimously as amended.

June  
Commis-  
sion  
Meeting

Miss Hashim indicated that the following items/topics will be included on the agenda for the June meeting:

SLA Task Force Recommendations

--Commission Discussion

--Discussion with SLA Representatives

1985 Budget and Programs

Review of the School Media Task Force Recommendations

LSCA Legislation

Commission Meeting Dates 1984

Reciprocity (International Issues)

Executive Session (to discuss personnel matters)

Miss Hashim asked each Commissioner to give serious thought to possible programs for 1985.

Invitation for  
Future  
Meeting

Mrs. Warden invited the Members to meet in Montana. She pointed out that it would be an excellent place to hold the retreat in June, July, August, or early September. Mrs. Warden reminded the Commissioners that according to past tradition attempts were made to hold at least one meeting in each Commissioner's home town.

Reciprocity  
and Tech-  
nology  
Transfer

Dr. Stephen D. Bryen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Economic, Trade and Security Policy, was unable to present his talk on Reciprocity and Technology Transfer.

Mr. Newman presented his views on reciprocity, especially as they pertain to technology transfer. He stated that, ideally, our government would like to see the free interchange of technological and other information between the U.S. and its allies. However, the U.S. would like to limit the export of scientific ideas that relate to our national security interests.

In answer to his own question, "What can or should this Commission do?", Mr. Newman suggested three actions for consideration:

- (1) Commission a staff study to consider whether reciprocity poses a problem for networking among nations (particularly between the East and the West). Establish a Commission Subcommittee to study and monitor reciprocity concerns and their relationship to academic freedom. (Making a contribution in this area could help justify the Commission's existence in future years.)
- (2) Consider standards for dissemination of data. Recommend policy for transmission of data between civilian organizations in the U.S. and foreign organizations; and
- (3) Invite a representative from the Department of Defense to brief the Commission at a future meeting.

Mr. Leeds pointed out some potential problems of technology transfer among our allies, and expressed some doubt about NCLIS involvement in this area, stating, "I do not know what role this Commission could play other than an awareness role."

Mr. Newman reiterated we should be in a position to study and monitor reciprocity because of its ramifications. Databases, networking, and silicon chips are the three major areas. He emphasized that two of these areas pertain to the Commission's responsibilities.

Reciprocity  
and Tech-  
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Transfer  
Continued

Dr. Cuadra agreed with Mr. Leeds adding that it is beyond the scope of what the Commission can handle right now and mentioned that there are high-powered agencies considering this issue and that NCLIS "wait until the big guys do more of their homework."

Dr. Cuadra also expressed his opinion that given our budget and the way we have to spend it, the Commission could not do much in this area. "The Commission does not have the 'moxy' nor the money to dent this problem," he said. Mr. Sprague agreed with Dr. Cuadra. Mr. Alpers suggested that perhaps there are aspects NCLIS could/should be addressing. Mr. Alpers raised the question of the impact of reciprocity on publishers of technical journals, librarians, database producers, and major research libraries.

It was agreed that the Commission is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Newman as a resident expert on the Commission to keep everyone informed.

Fact  
Sheet on  
Computer/  
Technology  
Terms  
Motion

It was MOVED by Byron Leeds, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission prepare a fact sheet/glossary of highly technical computer and technology terms for dissemination to the public. The motion was carried (5 for; 2 opposed).

Dr. Bearman agreed to check with appropriate organizations (like IIA) to see if this type of glossary may already exist. If not, staff work will begin immediately to produce the requested brochure.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

5/17/83



National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science

4 May 1983

TO : NCLIS Members

FROM : <sup>TCB</sup> Toni Carbo Bearman  
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Formal Motions and Actions  
April 20-21, 1983

Enclosed are the Formal Motions and Actions taken at the Commission meeting held April 20-21, 1983, in Washington, D.C. If you have any changes, additions, corrections, etc., please let us know as soon as possible.

Enclosure

TCB/blw



**National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science**

**FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS**

April 20-21, 1983  
Washington, D.C.

- (1) It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Francis Keppel, that the April 20-21, 1983, meeting agenda be approved as presented. Passed unanimously.
- (2) It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Francis Keppel, that the minutes of the of the NCLIS meeting, November 22-23, 1982, be approved as submitted. Passed unanimously.
- (3) It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Jerald Newman, that an Executive Session be scheduled for the June 1983 Commission meeting to discuss personnel matters. Passed unanimously.
- (4) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers that the National Commission receive the Report of the Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Task Force, and that it take no further action other than publication of the report. The motion was not seconded.
- (5) It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Margaret Warden, that the National Commission publish the Report of the Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Task Force with appropriate disclaimer.

It was moved and seconded to amend the motion by adding "and commentary."

It was then MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Margaret Warden, that the National Commission publish the Report of the Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Task Force with appropriate disclaimer and commentary.

The motion carried with two (2) abstentions

- (6) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the Guidelines, Commissioner Travel, Expense and Salary, as revised, be approved. Passed unanimously.
- (7) It was MOVED by Byron Leeds, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission present a Certificate of Appreciation to Jason Hardman for his outstanding work in the field of library service. Passed unanimously.
- (8) It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the National Commission receive, accept, endorse, and disseminate the Report of the Community Information and Referral Services Task Force as submitted. Passed unanimously.

- (9) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by William Welsh, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #18 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. Passed unanimously.
- (10) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #24 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. Passed unanimously.
- (11) It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #30 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated (1 for; 7 opposed).
- (12) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendations #7 and #8 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated (1 for; 5 opposed; 2 abstentions).
- (13) It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #26 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was passed unanimously.
- (14) It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the Commission endorse Recommendation #31 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated.
- (15) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #23 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was carried (6 for; 2 opposed).
- (16) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #38 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated (1 for; 5 opposed; 2 abstentions).
- (17) It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the National Commission endorse Recommendations #5, #25, and #37 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was unanimously defeated.
- (18) By general agreement, the following wording will be included in the Foreword to the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities Report with respect to Recommendations #5, #25, and #37:

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science supports, in general, the concept of "free" basic library service, however, in order to take advantage of the enormous power of technology, it may be necessary to continue to pass on certain related costs to users.

- (19) It was MOVED by Julia Wu, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the National Commission adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, H.R. 1310, The Emergency Mathematics and Science Education and Jobs Act to provide assistance to improve elementary, secondary and post-secondary education in math and science, and to provide a national policy for engineering, technical, and scientific personnel to provide cost sharing by the private sector in having such personnel to encourage creation of new engineering, technical and scientific jobs and other purposes, has been passed by the House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, the Senate version, S.530, Education for Economic Security Act, provides for a program of financial assistance to states in order to strengthen instruction in math, science, computer education, foreign languages, and vocational education and other purposes, and

WHEREAS, testimony given January 31, 1983, by the American Library Association at the House Subcommittees on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education and Postsecondary Education Hearing urged Congress to give particular attention to the critical role that library and information services play in the improvement of mathematics and science education at every level; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science supports the position taken by the American Library Association; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science supports the passage of S.530.

The motion was defeated (2 for; 6 opposed).

The resolution was amended to read:

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science supports the position taken by the American Library Association.

The motion was defeated (2 for; 6 opposed).



- (20) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Jerald Newman, that the National Commission receive the report of the Task Force on the Role of the Special Library in Networks and Cooperatives with great thanks to the Members for their service to the Commission,
- That the Commission direct the Executive Director to work with the Special Libraries Association's (SLA) Executive Director to plan a publication based on the report of this Task Force and subsequent actions taken by the Commission and SLA, and
- That the Commission invite the SLA President, Executive Director, and Chairman of its Networking Committee to meet with the Commission in June to discuss the report and follow-up action.
- The motion was amended to read "to plan publications". The motion was passed unanimously as amended.
- (21) It was MOVED by Byron Leeds, seconded by Julia Wu, that the National Commission prepare a fact sheet/glossary of highly technical computer and technology terms for dissemination to the public. The motion carried (5 for; 2 opposed).